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Use of expressions "band" and "bar" in the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals

Submitted by the Chair

This document submitted by the Chair provides suggestions for amending several provisions of the 1968 Convention and its 1971 European Supplement to use the expressions "band" and "bar" in a consistent and logical way.

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This document refers to provisions in which expressions "band" and "bar" are used or for which amendment proposals have been made to use them. The changes that are proposed in this document are in red font: the text marked in red bold when an addition to the text is proposed and in red strikethrough when the text is proposed to be deleted. The text that is in strikethrough or in bold but not in red refers to the amendment proposals already accepted by the Group of Experts at earlier sessions.

The following amendments are proposed:

- Article 23, Signals for vehicular traffic, paragraph 11 (a):

  Where green or red lights are placed above traffic lanes shown by longitudinal markings on a carriageway having more than two lanes, the red light shall mean that traffic may not proceed along the lane over which it is placed and the green light shall mean that traffic may so proceed. The red light thus placed shall be in the form of ~~**two inclined crossed bars**~~ **a form of X** and the green light in the form of an arrow pointing downwards.

- Annex 1, Section B, PRIORITY SIGNS, point 4. "END OF PRIORITY" sign:

  The "END OF PRIORITY" sign shall be sign B, 4. It shall consist of sign B, 3 above with the addition of a black ~~**or grey median**~~ band perpendicular to the lower left and upper right sides of the square or, **preferably,** of ~~**grey**~~ black parallel lines forming such a band.

- Annex 1, Section C, PROHIBITORY OR RESTRICTIVE SIGNS, I. General characteristics and symbols, point 2:

  Unless otherwise specified where the signs in question are described, prohibitory or restrictive signs shall have a white or yellow ground or blue ground for signs prohibiting or restricting standing and parking with a wide red border; the symbols and the inscriptions, if any, shall be black or dark blue and the oblique bars, if any, shall be red ~~**and,**~~ shall slope downwards from left to right, **and shall be placed over the symbol**.

  (a) Annex 1, Section C, PROHIBITORY OR RESTRICTIVE SIGNS, 8. End of prohibition or restriction: The point at which all prohibitions notified by prohibitory signs for moving vehicles cease to apply shall be indicated by sign C, 17 a "END OF ALL LOCAL PROHIBITIONS IMPOSED ON MOVING VEHICLES". This sign shall be circular and have a white or yellow ground; it shall have no border or only a black rim, and shall bear **an oblique** ~~**diagonal**~~ **black** band **or preferably, black parallel lines forming such a band**, sloping downward from right to left; ~~**which may be black or dark grey or, preferably, consist of black or grey parallel lines forming such a band**~~.

  (b) The point at which a particular prohibition or restriction notified to moving vehicles by a prohibitory or restrictive sign ceases to apply shall be indicated by sign C, 17 b "END OF SPEED LIMIT" or sign C, 17 c "END OF PROHIBITION OF OVERTAKING", or sign C, 17 d "END OF PROHIBITION OF OVERTAKING FOR GOODS VEHICLES". These signs shall be similar to sign C, 17 a, but shall show, in addition, in light grey the symbol of the prohibition or restriction which has ceased. **The** ~~**diagonal**~~ **oblique band can be interrupted when crossing the grey symbol. If not interrupted, the** ~~**diagonal**~~ **band shall be placed over the grey symbol.**

  Comment: The expression 'diagonal' should not be used for a circular shape.

- Annex 1, Section C, PROHIBITORY OR RESTRICTIVE SIGNS, 9. Prohibition or restriction of standing and parking (a), (ii):

  Sign C, 18 may be replaced by a circular sign with a red border and a red ~~transverse~~ **oblique** bar **sloping downwards from left to right**, bearing the letter or ideogram used in the State concerned to denote "Parking", in black on a white or yellow ground.

  Comment: The expression 'oblique' should be used to keep the text consistent.

- Annex 1, Section D, MANDATORY SIGNS, 8. End of compulsory minimum speed:

  Sign D, 8 "END OF COMPULSORY MINIMUM SPEED", shall mean that the compulsory minimum speed imposed by sign D, 7 is no longer in effect. Sign D, 8 shall ~~to~~ be identical to sign D, 7, except that it shall be crossed by ~~an oblique~~ **an oblique** ~~diagonal~~ red ~~bar~~ **band or, preferably, red parallel lines forming such a band** ~~running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge~~ **slopping down from right to left. The** ~~diagonal~~ **red band shall have a white rim to separate** ~~the red band~~ **it from the blue ground. The** ~~diagonal~~ **band can be interrupted when crossing the figure specifying the speed. If not interrupted, the** ~~diagonal~~ **red band shall be placed over the figure.**

  Comment: The expression 'diagonal' should not be used for a circular shape. No edges should be referred to this shape.

- European Agreement, Annex 1, point 22, ad paragraph 7, point (b):

  ~~(b) The sign showing the end of a built-up area shall be identical except that it shall be crossed by an oblique bar coloured red or consisting of parallel lines coloured red running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge.~~

  Comment: An amendment proposal for Annex 1, Section E, point II.7. Signs indicating the beginning and the end of a built-up area, addresses this point.

- European Agreement, Annex 1, point 22, ad paragraph 13:

  "Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a residential area where special traffic rules apply.

  Sign E, 17a "RESIDENTIAL AREA" shall be placed at the point where the special rules to be observed in a residential area referred to in article 27 bis of the Convention on Road Traffic supplemented by the European Agreement begin to apply. Sign E, 17b "END OF RESIDENTIAL AREA" shall be placed at the point where those rules cease to apply. **Sign 'END OF RESIDENTIAL AREA' shall be identical to the sign 'RESIDENTIAL AREA' except that it shall be crossed by a diagonal red band or, preferably, red parallel lines forming such a band running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge. The diagonal red band shall have a white rim to separate it from the blue ground. The diagonal band shall be placed over the symbol."**

- European Agreement, Annex 1, point 24, ad paragraph 2 (Special cases), subparagraph (a):

  The red ~~bar~~ **symbol element** of signs G, 2a and G, 2b shall be surrounded by a white rim.

  Comment: this amendment proposal should be reviewed in the context of the amendment proposal for the Convention, Annex 1, Section G. The name codes of signs should be adjusted as necessary.

- European Agreement, Annex 1, point 26, ad paragraph 3 ("NO THROUGH ROAD" sign):

~~The red bar of sign G, 13 shall be surrounded by a white rim.~~

Comment: An amendment proposal for Annex 1, Section G, new point VII, Indication signs, point 3 "NO THROUGH ROAD" sign addresses this point.